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ARTICULATE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR BOTH ENTERPRISES AND
GOVERNMENT." IN OUR VIEW SUCH A CODE MUST BE FAIR AND
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